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For: FLUORESCENT LAMP, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME, AND FLUORESCENT LAMP DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between the title of the invention and line 1,
✓ insert the following paragraph:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

A1 This is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 09/123,403, filed July 28, 1998, the subject matter of which is incorporated by reference herein.--

REMARKS

By the above amendment, the specification has been amended so as to refer to the parent application.

Examination of the application and favorable action thereof is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (500.36439CX1) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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